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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON CHINESE PETITIONS AND DETENTIONS

REF: (A) BEIJING 17258, (B) BEIJING 19512

2. (U) EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF A MAY 26 LETTER TO THE MATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS STANDING COMMITTEE SIGNED BY PROFESSOR DING ZILIN AND 26 OTHER WIVES AND PARENTS OF THOSE KILLED IN THE TIAMANMEN CRACKDOWN. IN THE LETTER, DING AND THE OTHERS CALLED FOR FORMATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNDER THE NPC TO INVESTIGATE THE CRACKDOWN AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS, INCLUDING AN ACCOUNTING OF ALL THOSE WHO WERE KILLED. DING AND HER HUSBAND, BOTH OF WHOM SIGNED THE MAY 15 PETITION CALLING FOR GREATER TOLERANCE, REPORTEDLY HAD THEIR TELEPHONE CUT OFF ON MAY 27.

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3. (U) LIN MU, WHO WAS EARLIER REPORTED TO BE ON AN "EMFORCED VACATION," WROTE A LETTER MAY 29 IN XI'AN ADDRESSED TO NPC CHAIRMAN QIAO SHI AND VICE CHAIRMAN TIAN JIYUN CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF WANG DAM AND OTHER ACTIVISIS. LIN WAS REPORTEDLY DETAINED BRIEFLY ON MAY 26, AND WAS RELEASED AFTER POLICE WARNED HIM TO STAY HOME.

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